

## **Josiah Cooke Jr. – Eastham Land Records 1650 - 1745**

Josiah Cooke Jr. was the only son of Josiah Cooke and his wife Elizabeth. He was born in Plymouth in 1643 and he was brought to Nauset by his family in 1644. They were one of the seven founding families of Eastham.

Josiah Jr. married Deborah Hopkins, daughter of Giles Hopkins, in 1668. He was appointed constable in 1668. He died in 1731 and probably he and his wife are buried in unmarked graves in Cove Burying Ground.

Some of the following grants were to heirs of Josiah Cooke Sr., deceased, after his death in 1673 but were not included in his case study.

1673

Granted to Josiah Cooke Jr. twenty acres next to his father's land. The land was next to a pond and a swamp. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF A122.

1677

Granted to Josiah Cooke Jr. one of ten grants of upland on the neck at the eastern side of Pochet Island. PDF S105.

1695

Josiah Cooke Jr. complained that the bound markers of his land at Great Neck were decayed. The land was near Great Pond and near land of Thomas Mulford and Joseph Harding. The bounds were settled and indicated by marked stones. PDF A250, M249, M250, S71.

Granted to Josiah Cooke Jr. six acres of meadow and two acres of upland. The six acres were at Little Billingsgate near Griffith's Island and Bound Brook Island and land of Jonathan Bangs. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. The two acres were near Duck Creek and James River with bounds indicated by marked trees. PDF A256, M257, M258, S76.

1699

Granted to Josiah Cooke Jr. one acre of land at the head of his other land at the north side of Great Pond and next to land of William Walker. PDF A261, M284, S66, S67.

1703

Granted to Josiah Cooke, Samuel Brown and John Harding, all deceased, and their heirs a parcel of meadow on the south side of Great Meadow. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about three acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes in the ground. PDF A167, M236, S56.

Granted to Josiah Cooke and his heirs a lot at the northern part of Great Meadow. The dimensions indicate the lot was about two acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes in the ground. PDF M75.

1710

Bounds were adjusted between land of Josiah Cooke Jr. and land of Jonathan Sparrow and Thomas Rich on the southern side of Great Meadow. PDF A179.

More adjustments were made in the bounds of the meadow of Josiah Cooke Jr. and the meadows of Jonathan Sparrow and Thomas Rich at Great Meadow. PDF A179, M81, M82.

1711

Granted to Josiah Cooke Jr. four acres next to his other land at the head of the Grapevine Swamp. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T74.

Granted to Josiah Cooke Jr. six acres for his wood lot on Lieutenant's Island next to the wood lot of Samuel Mayo and next to Blackfish River. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T74.

Granted to Josiah Cooke Jr. four acres next to his other land at Grapevine Swamp. This grant was separate from his other 1711 four acre grant at Grapevine Swamp. PDF T74.

Granted to Josiah Cooke Jr., Caleb Cooke, Richard Cooke, John Doane and Joseph Harding the twenty-fourth lot out of twenty-four lots laid out at Great Island at Billingsgate. The lot was on the southwestern most part of the island. Dimensions were not given in the record but probably the lot was about seven acres like most of the other lots at Great Island. PDF T90.

1715

Granted to Josiah Cooke Jr. six parcels of land.

- The first parcel was southwest of his dwelling house by the beach and next to property of John Mulford. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about seven acres. One corner bound was the head bone of a blackfish. An open cartway through the property towards John Mulford's was to be allowed.
- The second parcel was about one acre on the southerly side of Great Meadow next to his other land.
- The third parcel was about two acres on the northerly side of a wood lot laid out to Daniel Cole.
- The fourth parcel was about five acres between the wood lot of John Cole and Smalley's way.
- The fifth parcel was about four acres north of land of Daniel Atwood and between Smalley's way and the way that goes to John Brown's land.
- The sixth parcel was about two acres near Smalley's way and next to William Walker's land.

PDF T236, T233 (record pages are out of order)

Granted to Josiah Cooke and his heirs a wood lot next to the way that goes to Mill Meadow and next to land of Richard Cooke. The dimensions of the wood lot indicate it was about thirty acres. Also granted was a small parcel of land at the point where Smalley's Way meets the way going to John Brown's property. PDF T271.

The land owned by Josiah Cooke Jr. and the heirs of Josiah Cooke described in these records amounts to about one hundred acres. By 1745 eight more Cookes not counting Josiah Cooke Sr. received Eastham land grants.